

Minutes & Action Items

Substance Abuse Treatment Summer Study

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Present: Barbara Cimaglio, Peter Lee, Todd Mandell, Scott Johnson, Russell Frank, Chris Cummings, Craig Smith, Jack Duffy, Senator Bill Carris, Linda Piasecki, Meika Zilberberg, Annie Ramniceanu, Mark Helijas, Paula Duncan, Mitch Barron, Reneé Weeks, Jon Coffin, Nick Nichols, Ken Libertoff, Scott Wittman, Debby Haskins, Paul Dragon, David O'Brien, Connie Schütz, Senator Susan Bartlett

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<p>Barbara Cimaglio, Deputy Commissioner for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs Background and previous work on this issue: see links</p> <p>The legislature set the following goals for the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the treatment services currently in place and to identify how to integrate them into a more systematic response to addictive problems. • Work with staff to analyze the population projected to be in need of treatment services and create a design for the services needed in communities by level of care, and to support long-term recovery. This plan should be based on the Blueprint for Health chronic care approach. • The analysis shall be evidence-based and project numbers of people that can be diverted from more expensive and crisis-oriented services if we build a more continuous, recovery-based system of supports. Of particular interest is savings that can be realized in the department of corrections.
<p>Powerpoint Presentations (see links): Barbara Cimaglio, Peter Lee, Linda Piasecki: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Systems Needs and Structure • Qualitative Issues Barbara Cimaglio: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWI/COBMAT Karen Crowley: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Development Paul Dragon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Occurring Issues </p>
<p>Small group work: Guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can treatment be more effective and accountable? • What specific steps can we take to improve and measure treatment outcomes? <p>Aim: to offer the right level of care, at the right time, for the right duration The use of assessment tools, once taught, needs to be expected as well as supported in the supervisory process ASAM levels of care need to guide treatment plans Wrap-around services, aftercare and discharge planning are part of quality care</p> </p>

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Group One:

Ensure/expect assessment
Ensure/expect aftercare and coordinated discharge plans
Early intervention. Schools? DOE?
Individual providers?
Ensure immediate access? (ie. School assessment)
IWI model: team approach to engagement
Better pre-sentencing?
Judge influencing as to Best Practice

Group Two:

DOC/DCF/ADAP/DMH/Justice System:

Identify prevailing cultures and inconsistent expectations
Identify clinical understanding around treatment services, eg Tx as a sanction or consequence
Need process to reconcile, develop consensus around assessment, treatment processes, practices, protocols, ie individual treatment planning
Interplay between all systems: opportunity best when baton is passed
Leadership/Standards should be based on research and evidence-based practices

Group Three:

Tracking Outcomes:

Patient retention
System responsiveness
Evidence-based skills use
Recovery check-ups
What is a good quality follow-up?

Quality measures:

Reduced use of substances
Engagement in the treatment process
Retention
Good evidence-based assessments

Avoid service denials by insurers because of poor formulation
Include ASAM levels of care to guide treatment plan
Assure integration and presentation to client
Ensure role of the patient in the process is clear to all parties
How can we convey the role of the patient to them?
How can we create a system for follow-up to SA Tx suggestions?
Defenders general make their own SA assessments without training
Wrap-around services, such as care coordination and integrated treatment plans, are necessary for teens and adults
Some drug dealers are not users: how is that accounted for in drug court diversions?
Aim: right level of care, at the right time, for the right duration: a well-crafted argument leads to

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few denials of service

Tools, such as assessment tools, need to be taught and used and supported in the supervisory process

Action Step: Service System Workgroup – members:

- Peter Lee
- Bill Carris
- Russell Frank
- Paul Dragon
- Todd Mandell
- Linda Piasecki
- Connie Schütz

Action Step: System mapping Workgroup – members:

- Paul Dragon
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Next Steps: discussion of policy and legislative issues, as well as funding implications of our work

Next meeting: August 29, 9-12 Stanley Hall rm. 100